## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2011-420-E - ORDER NO. 2012-302

APRIL 25, 2012

| IN RE: | Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC | ) | ORDER ACCEPTING     |
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|        | for Approval of Rider EE Vintage 3        | ) | PROPOSED SCHEDULE   |
|        | **  | ) | AND PROVIDING       |
|        |   | ) | FURTHER INSTRUCTION |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke" or "the Company") for approval of Rider EE Vintage 3, covering energy efficiency and demand side management programs within Duke's Modified save-a-watt program. On March 13, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 2012-202 conditionally approving the Company's Application to amend its Rider EE Vintage 3. On March 30, 2012, the Company and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") each filed with the Commission its responses to the inquiries issued at the Commission's February 14, 2012, meeting.

The Commission accepts the proposed timeline and schedule filed by the Company for its future EE Rider filings. As such, the Company will file its annual EE Rider application no later than August 1 each year. Petitions to intervene must be filed no later than August 30, and ORS and other intervenors must file comments by September 15.

The Company shall include in future EE Rider filings an explanation of whether

and to what extent the evaluations and conclusions contained in the application, such as

Exhibit C of the Company's application, have been verified by a third party.

Additionally, the Commission requests that ORS supply the report of its independent

third-party consultant in future EE Rider filings, if such report is used in preparation of

ORS' filing.

The conditions provided in Order No. 2012-202, upon which approval of Rider

EE Vintage 3 was based, remain in effect.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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